



## **Guide to the African Americans in Las Vegas: a Collaborative Oral History Project event roundtable**

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## Summary Information

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